

On February 16, 1973 Reverend Kuykendall was sworn into active duty in the United States Army. He served in the capacity as a Finance and Accounting Clerk, and did an overseas tour of duty with the 8th Army in Seoul, Korea for 24 months. He was later transferred to stateside duty in Fort Knox, Kentucky, until being honorably discharged on October 22, 1976.

Reverend Kuykendall has an extensive record of community service which began with him serving as a county committee person for the 6th District, 4th Ward in Paterson, and later as district leader. He was also a Commissioner of the Rent Leveling Board and Commissioner of the Parking Authority in the City of Paterson. Reverend Kuykendall has served as an aide to the Honorable Martin G. Barnes, and presently serves as an aide to Assemblyman Alfred E. Steele.

Reverend Kuykendall is also serving as assistant treasurer to the Congress of National Black Churches—Paterson affiliate, and renders pastoral care at Barnert Memorial Hospital. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Eva's Village Sheltering program, the Youth Services Commission of Passaic County, and a volunteer minister in the New Jersey Superior Court—Passaic County Division, Minister's program.

Reverend Kuykendall is a charter board member of the Fellowship of Inner City Word of Faith Ministries under leadership of Dr. Frederick K.C. Price, the Kingdom Council of Interdependent Christian Churches and Ministries under the leadership of Reverend Dr. David M. Copeland, and serves on the board of directors of both organizations. Reverend Kuykendall is currently the executive vice-president of the Paterson Pastor's Workshop Minister's Association and has served as the chairman of the Political Screening Committee of that organization. He is the Chief Executive Officer of the Agape Christian Ministries Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to senior high school students of the City of Paterson, is the Senior Pastor of the Agape Fellowship Association of Churches, and is a member of the board of directors at the Agape Pre-School Child Development Center.

Reverend Kuykendall is married to Minister Kathy A. Ivy Kuykendall of Paterson. They are the proud parents of one daughter, Tanisha Vonetta, and the adoring grandparents of Tera Trae Samuels.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the family and friends of Reverend Kuykendall, and the City of Paterson, in recognizing Reverend James Arnold Kuykendall's many outstanding and invaluable contributions made to the City of Paterson and the State of New Jersey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
ORDER OF THE ARMENIAN SISTERS
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Order of the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. The

Order of the Armenian Sisters is highly respected, supported, and admired by Armenian communities world-wide. Their unparalleled accomplishments, dedicated service, and commitment to future generations are deserving of recognition.

The Order of the Armenian Catholic Sister of the Immaculate Conception was founded on June 5, 1847 in Istanbul, Turkey by Archbishop Andon Hassounian. Hassounian later became Catholicos and the first Cardinal of Armenian ancestry.

Serpouhi Haji-Andonian intended to travel to Italy in order to join a Roman Sisters' order. However, Archbishop Hassounian persuaded her to remain in Istanbul and help him to establish an Armenian Sisters' Order with the mission of educating Armenian girls. Soon, Sister Serpouhi's selfless dedication had resulted in many others joining the Order. The Sisters established many schools in local towns and villages. This expansion spread even to Cilicia.

The Order suffered many casualties during the Turkish Genocide of Armenians in 1915. Numerous schools were destroyed and many sisters were massacred. The surviving sisters, with about 400 orphans, migrated to Italy. They settled in the Kastel Gondolphio Palace of the priest Bios. The number of orphans grew to 500 and the Sisters resettled in Torino's Sanitarium of Love. The headquarters relocated to Rome, and in time, the order once again began to expand.

Soon, Rome was in the grip of World War II, and the expansion of the Order was interrupted. Nevertheless, at the end of the war, twenty new candidates came to Rome to take their vows. Today, the Order has approximately 100 nuns, and new applicants continue to come from Armenia.

Presently, the Order administers over twenty schools, orphanages, and boarding centers for university students. The schools are located in such diverse areas as Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, France and the United States of America. The Armenian Sisters operate three schools in the United States located in Philadelphia, Boston, and Los Angeles. The school in Philadelphia was founded in 1967, the school in Boston was founded in 1982, and the school in Los Angeles (located in Montrose) was founded in 1985.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate the Order of the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. Their dedication and commitment to their heritage should serve as a model for people the world over. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the Order of the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO KNUD DYBY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Knud Dyby for his courage, heroism, and humanitarian actions as a member of the Danish resistance movement during World War II, as well as his participation in one of the most daring and successful evacuations of Jewish citizens from Nazi occupied Europe undertaken during the war.

Margaret Mead once urged us, "Never [to] doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever does." In Denmark during the Second World War, a small group of dedicated resisters unwilling to fold under Nazi oppression changed the lives of over 7,000 Jews. Knud Dyby was one of these resisters.

At the age of 26, defying all dangers, Knud became a member of the Danish resistance movement. As a police officer, he was an integral part of the resistance's vast intelligence apparatus. Risking his life, he provided resistance leaders with much needed information regarding Nazi patrols along the sea lanes between Denmark and Sweden. When German diplomats announced the Third Reich's intention to deport Danish Jews to concentration camps the resistance began actively evacuating Jews from the country.

Operating in secret, Knud and his compatriots successfully transported almost all of Denmark's Jewish population across the Sound, the narrow waterway that separated Sweden from the Nazi occupied Europe. In October of 1943, over 7,200 of Denmark's 8,000 Jews were carried to safety.

In the months following this operation, Mr. Dyby continued to play a critical role in the underground movement to rid Denmark of Nazi occupation. As an avid sailor, Knud was aware of the best hiding places for resistance ships waiting to speed across the Sound to safety. He was familiar with the German patrol routines and outmaneuvered Nazi sailors on numerous occasions. From 1944 until May 4, 1945, Knud managed five fishing skippers and transported mail, money and weapons vital to the life of the resistance between Sweden and occupied Denmark. He made hundreds of sea crossings on behalf of the Danish resistance movement and those fleeing the Third Reich.

Today, Knud Dyby speaks modestly about his experiences, about his bravery and his courage. In an address to students at Sonoma State University in California, Mr. Dyby said that what he did was "just what any other human should do for another in need." For his efforts, Knud was awarded the title "Righteous Among the Nations" by the State of Israel. Etched on a medal awarded to Mr. Dyby is a simple statement taken from the Talmud, "Whosoever preserves one life—it is as though he has preserved the entire world."

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Knud Dyby. He is a role model for the generations and proves to us that one can, and should, resist oppression.

THE 78TH CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BY ORIENTAL LODGE NO. 144 AND GLEN PARK SCHOOL

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join many of my Bay Area constituents and friends of the California Masonic Grand Lodge in their 78th celebration of Public Schools Week, and I wish to pay particular tribute to San Francisco's Oriental Lodge No. 144 and

Glen Park School for their meaningful commemoration of this special event. As America debates various ideas and proposals to improve education quality and standards, we should recognize those pioneers who, generations ago, committed themselves to guaranteeing every child born in our country the right to attend school.

For those of us from the Bay Area, this year's Public Schools Week has a special significance. One hundred and fifty years ago this month, on April 3, 1848, the first public school in California opened on Portsmouth Square in San Francisco. Six pupils attended classes that day under the tutelage of Thomas Douglas, a Yale graduate hired by the elected Board of Trustees for the then-reasonable sum of \$1,000 per year. Douglas offered his students instruction in a diverse array of subjects which included reading, writing, spelling and defining, mental and practical arithmetic, English grammar and composition, mental and moral science, ancient and modern history, chemistry and natural philosophy, geometry, trigonometry, algebra, astronomy, surveying and navigation, and Latin and Greek.

While these course offerings undoubtedly proved attractive to parents and students alike—by May, enrollment had grown sixfold to 37 children—one practical subject not included in the program of instruction was geology. Instruction in this field clearly would have benefited Douglas' students. Two months after the beginning of classes, the teacher and many of his pupils left San Francisco for the Sierra foothills in search of gold.

The California Gold Rush, which began with the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill on January 24, 1848, initially resulted in the mad dash of gold seekers from San Francisco, and this forced the school to close. Nevertheless, its legacy as the forerunner of California's outstanding system of public education is irrefutable.

On April 23, 1998, Mr. Speaker, Oriental Lodge No. 144 and Glen Park School will observe Public Schools Week by remembering this significant event. The theme of the evening presentation at the school auditorium will be "From Dream to Reality—From Portsmouth Square to Glen Park." The students of Grades 3, 4, and 5 will put on a multimedia presentation to focus attention on the development of public education in California amidst the tumult and upheaval of the Gold Rush. One class, I have learned, has even constructed a model of the first schoolhouse for the public to admire. The Masonic Lodge will present the school's distinguished principal, Marion Grady, with a new trophy case and a set of flags, which will be posted by the McAteer High School NROTC Color Guard. Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. and Anthony P. Wordlow, Grand Master of the California Masonic Grand Lodge, will join other distinguished guests at the event.

Mr. Speaker, this week's celebration of Public Schools Week is a reflection of centuries of activism in support of education by the Masons and, especially, the California Grand Lodge. Public Schools Week was instituted in 1920 by then-Grand Master Charles Albert Adams in response to a post-World War I education crisis that involved a critical shortage of teachers and the closure of 1,200 schools throughout the state. Adams and his fellow Masons hoped to focus attention on the problems facing public education and, in the proc-

ess, encourage citizens and legislators to seek solutions for these obstacles.

For 78 years Adams and his successors have unquestionably succeeded. The California Masonic Foundation, created in 1970 to provide scholarships to deserving college students, has awarded over one million dollars to young people to help finance their educational needs. In the past year alone 129 grantees received \$160,000 for this worthy purpose. The Masonic Student Assistance Program, now in its fourth year, serves California's youth with programs that range from issues of substance abuse to the increasing epidemic of violence in our public schools.

Local chapters, such as Oriental Lodge No. 144, have willingly and ably assisted community schools as well. In recent months, Bay Area lodges have contributed, among other noteworthy gifts, materials for a library program for Glen Park's first grade students and valuable instruments for the music program at Lincoln High School. The numerous Masonic contributions to public education in California are truly a credit to the fraternity and its outstanding members.

Wednesday's event is a direct result of the determined and devoted efforts of several prominent Bay Area citizens, most notably Dr. F. Armand Magid, a forty-year educator, history scholar, and Masonic leader who has worked tirelessly in organizing this week's activities; Worshipful Master Neil A. Carlson of Oriental Lodge No. 144, whose direction and guidance have greatly aided his fraternity's numerous educational initiatives; and Principal Grady, whose obvious love for her young pupils has been shown time and time again throughout her career.

In his essay, "When Is a Man a Mason?" the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton wrote: "When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response . . . such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry." The Oriental Lodge No. 144 and its many dedicated members have answered this call, showing us that examples from our past can and should be used to highlight the importance of our future.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commend the Lodge, along with Glen Park School, the McAteer High School NROTC Color Guard, and the numerous other participants in the celebration of Public School Week for their commitment to public education in the Bay Area.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES LEIDIG, RECIPIENT OF THE 1998 MAPLE LEAF AWARD

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Mr. Charles Leidig of Maplewood, New Jersey, who is being honored with the 1998 Maple Leaf Award on this occasion of the 30th Annual Maple Leaf Award Ceremony.

Charles Leidig is being honored for his many years of extensive, and varied community service, especially amongst senior groups, his community neighborhood association, and for the Township of Maplewood. Charlie has

lived in Maplewood since 1920, and has attended Seth Boyden Elementary School, Ricalton—now Maplewood Middle School, and Columbia High School, from which he graduated in 1937. After attending New York University, he worked for a major corporation in the areas of Trade Show Coordination, Advertising and Sales Promotion, and Industrial Relations. Charlie's work often required extensive travel, with as many as 27 trips in one year.

While he took an interest in his neighborhood and its activities, it wasn't until his retirement in 1984 that Charlie became fully involved. Following a neighbor's suggestion, Charlie joined one of the Maplewood Senior Clubs, the local chapter of the AARP. Almost immediately he became heavily involved, serving first as Program Chairman and then as Vice-president. He was the group's first President to hold office for four years. Even now Charlie continues to serve as Trip Chairman.

In addition to AARP, the St. Joseph Rainbow Club was another senior organization that benefited from Charlie's endless energy and imagination. He served as the group's Vice President for two and a half years, and in 1992, was honored with the organization's Senior Citizen's Award.

Charlie Leidig has also volunteered his time and talents to Maplewood through his service as Director of the Police Advisory Committee, the Recreation Advisory Board, the Senior Advisory Board, the Maplewood TV Channel Advisory Board, and as an Election Day volunteer at Town Hall. Additionally, Charlie has served for many years as a Holiday Decorations Judge, a Lions Blood Bank helper, member of the Fourth of July Committee, and an Economic Development strategist. Charlie was a very active participant in the Ron Karnaugh Olympic activities and most recently, served on the Neighborhood Association. He is also volunteers as a collector for the American Heart, Cancer, and Cerebral Palsy Associations as well as working for the United Way and Deborah Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the family and friends of Charlie Leidig, and the Township of Maplewood in recognizing Charlie's many outstanding and invaluable contributions made to the community of Maplewood and to the State of New Jersey.

IN HONOR OF THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF LET'S CELEBRATE, INC.

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, for sixteen years Let's Celebrate has helped fight hunger and homelessness in Hudson County. They have helped people "move from hunger to wholeness," by providing counseling, job training, emergency food assistance, adult basic education and housing assistance.

Let's Celebrate now has 74 staff members, over 600 volunteers and 29 service and meal sites throughout the area. This impressive organization has helped countless families move toward self-sufficiency.

The organization's innovative job program finds jobs for 85% of its trainees. Let's Celebrate trains the homeless in the food service